

# Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana

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## Comprehensive Community Plan

**County:** Newton

**LCC:** Coalition for a Drug Free Newton County

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## **Plan Summary**

**Mission Statement:** Our mission, through the LCC is to provide for our community a plan of action and monitor the effective implementation of that plan, focusing on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Our purpose is to provide positive influence and make a difference with respect to substance abuse issues in the county. We will act to coordinate services and create the infrastructure necessary to make available the best service we can provide residents of Newton County. Our ultimate goal, with the help of many partners, is to end substance abuse within the county.

**History:** The Coalition for a Drug Free Newton County is entering its eighteenth year. It is our mission to coordinate a comprehensive approach to substance abuse in our county. While we have experienced success with past and present programs, there is still much to do. Programs address prevention/education, treatment and law enforcement. The coalition serves as the recognized LCC for the Governor's Commission for a Drug-Free Indiana.

Newton County has a population of nearly 15,000. It is a long narrow county that consists primarily of farming and small businesses. There are two school corporations that serve the county. There is some small industry. The average per capita income in Newton County is \$ 24,112.00.

**Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan:** The focus of the coalition is threefold. First we will provide the community and school community with information and programs aimed at reducing substance abuse among adults and students. Secondly, we will seek and provide programs for targeted audiences. Thirdly, we will continue to broaden the current network of partners working toward a reduction in the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in Newton County.

Each year the coalition reviews and updates the current plan of action. This document is the Comprehensive Plan for 2006-2009, with the annual review for 2005. The LCC prepared the plan after examining a variety of data. A committee within the coalition prepared the final document and presented it to the LCC body for approval.

The LCC has identified two problem areas to be addressed.

1. There is a higher incidence of underage drinking in Newton County compared to the State and Nation, likewise, adult alcohol-related arrests in Newton County are quite high.
2. There is a higher incidence of tobacco usage among adults and school age youth in Newton County compared to the State and Nation.

It has been the intent of the coalition since its inception to bring together the community organizations to plan and implement programs relative to substance abuse issues facing the county. Programs address prevention/education, treatment and law enforcement.

## Membership List

**County LCC Name: Coalition for a Drug Free Newton County**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Category</b>
<b>Deb Arseneau</b>	<b>Purdue Extension</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Education</b>
<b>Betty Carlson</b>	<b>Newton County Health Department</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Medicine</b>
<b>Dave Hensel</b>	<b>Newton County Council on Aging</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Education</b>
<b>Lois Hensel</b>	<b>Step Ahead</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Medicine</b>
<b>Sharon Miller</b>	<b>Newton County Council Member</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Government</b>
<b>Myron Sutton</b>	<b>Newton County Sheriff</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Law Enforcement</b>
<b>Donna Blaney</b>	<b>Morocco Beautification</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Patron</b>
<b>Kelly Clark</b>	<b>Parent</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Parent</b>
<b>Martha White</b>	<b>Extension Homemaker</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Civic Organization</b>
<b>Mike Rowe</b>	<b>Newton County Deputy Sheriff</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Law Enforcement</b>
<b>Clara Brenda</b>	<b>Mount Ayr Projects Committee</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Education</b>
<b>Margaret Shupe</b>	<b>Mount Ayr Projects Committee</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Education</b>
<b>Linda Rios</b>	<b>Healthy Families</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Prevention</b>
<b>Anna Clark</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Student</b>
<b>Teal Prange</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Student</b>
<b>Courtney Crone</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Student</b>
<b>Gene Bell</b>	<b>Health Board, Community Foundation, Drug Coalition</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Civic Organization</b>

## Problem Identification

**Problem Statement #1:** There is a higher incidence of underage drinking in Newton County compared to the State and Nation, likewise adult alcohol-related arrests in Newton County continue to increase.

### Supportive Data:

- IPRC shows Newton County usage of alcohol among underage youth higher than the State and National average.
 

	Local	State	National
Grade 7	26%	15%	NA
Grade 8	32%	24%	19%
Grade 9	40%	30%	NA
Grade10	38%	36%	35%
Grade11	46%	39%	NA
Grade12	63%	46%	48%
- 9 School Expulsions for underage drinking 2004-05
- County Probation reports 78 cases in 2005.
  - Drug Related 14 Adults/9 Juveniles
  - Alcohol Related 39 Adults/16 Juveniles
- DUI Arrests: 185; 52 (30% involved alcohol/drugs) (Jan-Dec 2005)
- Crisis Center: 7 out of 10 families served involved alcohol.
- Healthy Families: Served 273 Mothers: 27% reported they consume alcohol/smoke or do both.
- Alcohol-related crashes: These are the most current stats from ICJI/Traffic Safety data: 1998:19, 1999:22, 2000:27 (though not a high percentage, there is an upward trend)

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**Objectives:**

- **A. Organize and present alcohol awareness programs for juniors/seniors prior to prom and graduation ceremonies.**
- **B. Investigate a parent involvement program for early childhood and elementary grades with focus on alcohol.**
- **C. Finance and support alcohol awareness campaigns through schools and community organizations.**
- **D. Investigate and financially support intervention programs for at risk students and their families in the county.**
- **E. Encourage the school corporations to participate annually in the IPRC survey.**
- **F. Develop and support student leaders through a leadership forum stressing healthy lifestyles absent alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.**
- **G. Write alcohol factoids for the school newsletters and community newspapers.**
- **H. Sponsor alcohol servers training through the Excise Division for all establishments who serve alcohol.**
- **I. Support law enforcement canine community awareness programs.**

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**Goal: Lower the incidence of underage drinking and adult alcohol-related arrests in Newton County.**

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**Problem Statement #2:** There is a higher incidence of tobacco usage among adults and school age youth in Newton County compared to the State and Nation.

**Supportive Data:**

- IPRC show Newton County youth tobacco usage is higher than the State and National average.

		Local	State	National
Cigarettes	Grade 7	16%	8%	NA
	Grade 8	22%	14%	12%
	Grade 9	32%	17%	NA
	Grade 10	34%	22%	17%
	Grade 11	26%	25%	NA
	Grade 12	48%	28%	27%

- ITPC provides similar data only on the State level. While the percentages at the State level are at or slightly lower than the IPRC survey, ITPC offers no local level data. Newton County youth tobacco usage is higher than the state average.
- ITPC Indiana ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> among all states in adult smoking prevalence and is consistently in the list of states with the highest smoking rates and consistently higher than the U.S. rate of 20%.
- Healthy Families: Served 273 Mothers 27% reported they consume alcohol/smoke or do both.
- Student tobacco related suspensions 12 in 2004-05

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**Objectives:**

- **A. Partner with Health Department Education Coordinator and other existing agencies to prepare, present, promote activities centered on healthy tobacco free lifestyles.**
- **B. Partner with schools to offer awareness programs to all k12 students.**
- **C. Encourage each school corporation to participate in the IPRC survey tool.**
- **D. Investigate TRIP to determine if businesses sell tobacco products to minors.**
- **E. Support intervention programs for at-risk students and their families.**
- **G. Establish a student leadership forum to promote healthy lifestyles without alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.**
- **H. Support law enforcement and judicial system in its effort to reduce tobacco availability to minors.**
- **I. Make available cessation programs for students and adults in the community.**

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**Goal: Lower the incidence of tobacco usage among school age youth and adults in Newton County.**

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***Please attach the County's Fiscal Report for review!***

**Next Annual Update Due: July 2007**

**Next Comprehensive Community Plan Due: July 2009**

**Date of Community Consultant Review: July 2006**

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**Terms and Conditions:**

The information and data provided is presented as factual and accurate. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding the data submitted within the Plan. Failure to do so could result in a "denied approval" by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

The Local Drug Free Communities Fund must be spent according to the goals identified within the plan. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding funds that are collected, allocated, and disbursed within the county. Failure to do so could result in a "denied approval" by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

**Initials: GB**

# Newton County

## LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES FUND INFORMATION

(1) Amount deposited into the drug-free communities fund during the most recent, complete calendar year, per the County Auditor:

- In 2005 the Newton County Auditor's office deposited \$17,735.00 into the LCC's Drug-Free Community Fund from fees collected.
- \$16,077.00 rolled over from unused 2004 funds.
- \$33,814.00 total amount available for 2006 programs and administrative costs.
- \$8,500.00 allocated for administrative costs leaving \$25,314 available for 2006 programming

(2) Fund allocation by category, including a brief description of the purpose of the grant funding:

CATEGORY	APPLICANT/PROJECT & PROGRAM description	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT AWARDED
Prevention/Education	Purdue Extension Parenting Program:: Kindergarten family parenting and substance abuse program.	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00
Prevention/Education	North Newton Student Council:program on reducing bullying and violence in the school.	5,000.00	1,000.00
Prevention/Education	North Newton SADD Chapter: Officers requested seed money to start the SADD Chapter.	2,500.00	1,000.00
Prevention/Education	Newton County Extension Homemakers: drug education, book bags and school supplies for low income families.	1,400.00	1,000.00
Prevention/Education	Mt. Ayr Project Care: a mentoring, tutoring and substance abuse education after school program.	1,600.00	800.00
Prevention/Education	Community Mobilization Even: Methamphetamine workshop and other drug education seminars in the	1,700.00	1,700.00



CATEGORY	GRANTS RECEIVED	DOLLARS REQUESTED	GRANTS APPROVED	DOLLARS APPROVED
Prevention	5	\$16,200.00	5	7,500.00
Treatment	2	\$10,000.00	2	\$10,000.00
Law Enforcement	1	\$5,000.00	1	5,000.

**(5) Provide administrative expenses:**

EXPENSE	COST
Coordinator Salary	\$6,000.00
Miscellaneous supplies for Red Ribbon week for all schools and for special unanticipated expenses connected with grants that were awarded.	2,500.
TOTAL	8,500

**(6) Provide amount and explanation of any unused dollars from previous years:**

Balances in the account are returned to the account as one sum at years end and carried over into the next fiscal year budget. If the anticipated revenue for the next fiscal year isn't forthcoming, the carryover monies allow programs to move forward for at least the remainder of that particular calendar year.